

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 3, 2022**  
**501 Main Street**  
**5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on November 3, 2022 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were seven council members present, two absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Roslyn Garcia, Shelley Oltmans, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Linda Altheide and Robert Helenthal were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, Deputy City Clerk Amy Benson, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Cemetery, Bridge, Parks & Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, and Assistant Chief of Police Brian DePriest.

**MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE:** Informed of upcoming events: Saturday November 5 & 6<sup>th</sup> Great River Players present a play "1984", 17 S. 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> Keokuk-Hamilton Dam Museum, 429 Main St. will be open @ 3:15 with their fundraising auction. Wednesday, November 9, 2022, Southside Boat Club is honoring our Veterans and serving Raelene's tacos, With Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> being Veteran's Day the City of Keokuk would like to thank all Veterans and those still serving as well as their families for their service. A reminder to check the Keokuk Library's website for things going on there and encouraged people to shop and eat local.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Garcia to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting & Council Workshop of October 20, 2022;
- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of October 20, 2022;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for September, 2022;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 141-2022:** Approving a Liquor License for Dr. Get Wells Bar & Grill, 1100 Main Street, effective November 24, 2022 – Class C Liquor License with Sunday Service;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 142-2022:** Approving an Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Johnathan & Justina Mortimer, 3372 Middle Road, 30'x40' garage;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5304-5306;

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Oltmans to remove from table a motion approving the second reading of amended ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018, granting to Interstate Power & Light Company, its successors, and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-five-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate an electric system in the City of Keokuk, Iowa and to furnish and sell electric energy to the city and its inhabitants and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the city. Motion made by Tillman, second by Bryant to approve second reading.

Roll Call Vote: (7) NAYS – Crenshaw, Garcia, Oltmans, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald, (0) AYES. Motion failed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 5:37 p.m. on the submission of a US EPA Brownfield Grant Application. A public hearing notice was published on Thursday, October 27, 2022.

**COMMENTS:** Cole gave an overview.

No further comments were received, Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 143-2022:** “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR BROWNFIELD CLEANUP GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Andrews to approve the initial reading of Ordinance repealing section 20.60.030 (6) fences and adopting a new section 20.60.030 (6) fences.

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – Crenshaw, Garcia, Oltmans, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 144-2022:** “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FRANCHISE FEES ON ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICES.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Oltmans to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 145-2022:** “A RESOLUTION SETTING POLICY ON PERSONNEL HIRING.” After discussion a motion was made by Greenwald, second by Garcia to modify the resolution by removing the last sentence saying unless otherwise directed by the City Council. (6) AYES, (1) NAY -Oltmans. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 146-2022:** “A RESOLUTION APPROVING SIXTH MODIFICATION AGREEMENT TO CONVERTIBLE PROMISSORY NOTE BETWEEN AMJET TURBINE SYSTEMS, LLC AND LEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC.”

Roll Call Vote: (4) AYES – Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald, (3) NAYS - Crenshaw, Garcia, and Oltmans. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Garcia to approve resignation of Public Works Director Robert Helenthal. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** Final notification for Monica Winkler and Mike Greenslaugh to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board, 3-year term to expire 11/2/2025. Motion made by Greenwald, second by Garcia to approve the above final notification. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Second notification for Amanda Rogers to the Rand Park Pavilion Commission, fulfilling a 5-year term to expire 10/22/2025.

First notification for Susan Hanan to the Civil Service Commission, fulfilling a 6-year term to expire 4/01/2024.

Mayoral Appointment – Reappointment of Raymond Long to the Keokuk Municipal Waterworks Board, 6-year term to expire 11/01/2028.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:** Bryant gave a report on Great River Regional Waste Authority. Garcia said the Road of Honor committee is getting ready for Veteran’s Day, working with Hy-Vee, Southside Boat Club, Yacht Club, and local businesses that will be doing things for Veterans. Signage in the cemetery is a smaller group they are almost ready to submit the grant for the signage for historians that are buried in Oakland Cemetery. Mayor Mahoney reminded that the Veteran’s would have their celebration at the memorial in Oakland Cemetery at 11:00 Friday, November 11, 2022.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Broomhall updated on the 600 Block Main Street Project, the RFP resubmitted, Pilot Program and Planning Grant were submitted, spoke with Zach from Regional Planning about information they need regarding rezoning. Vacant Property registration not on the agenda, she is working on the language on uninsured property, she read it for the council to see what they think. Helenthal said K-Play came to the Park Board meeting on Tuesday, they are wanting to put a 8’ fence around the Splash Pad due to people vandalizing it, they will raise the funds and install it. Gave update on bridge repair being completed, talked about ITC starting phase 2 of their pole replacement upgrade. O’Donnell updated on Hospital/EMS, ADM and South 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Andrews to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.